AHEREAS, December 15, 1973, marks the retirement from State Government of a very dedicated public servant whom we know as Howard Geers; and,

AHEREAS, Howard joined the Conservation Department in the year Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Five and has been a faithful employee during these past sighteen years; and,

WHEREAS, He was very instrumental in setting up the Conservation Districts in South Dakota and served as a member of the Butte County Conservation District Board; and,

WHEREAS, Howard was responsible for establishing the South Dakota Environmental Education Council; and,

WHEREAS, He has long been a community leader and an active supporter of community endeavors:

NOV, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, believe If fitting and proper, because of Howard's tremendous contribution to the State of South Dakota, and his dedication to State Government, to declare Saturday, December 16, 1973, as

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in South Dakota, and do urgs all of his many friends to join in paying tribute to Howard on this day.

IN WITNESS WHERECF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 14th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Three.

MICHARE F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

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LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE